

Dockless Vehicle Committee-- Minutes from: 4/14/2021

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Robert Gardner, Lime
Robin Drummond, Civil Rights
Steven Burns, Lime
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1) Check in

a. Permit schedule and important dates

The permit cycle is starting over now that the State of Emergency has been amended. Permit R&R are up for 30 days of public comment, after which DOT will hold a competitive application process.

- Will Burns – will there be 4 providers awarded permits?
 - DOT will award up to 4 permits but 2 will be reserved for those with multiple vehicle types

2) Updates

a. Data update – trips, vehicles, rides per vehicle per day

Trips and rides per vehicle per day are all on the rise with warmer weather. Opening Day saw a lot of rides, but there were still more rides on the following Saturday.

b. Data request – corral utilization

The first 25 corrals are installed. The highest utilized corrals have 10-17 trips per day. DOT is tracking the ratio of parking events in the corral radius of 20m versus the surrounding 100m. Ideally this ratio goes up as parking is concentrated in corrals. Generally, the ratio has gone from .15 to almost .25.

- Joanna Jacob – is Baltimore considering parking only in corrals?
 - Not in short term, there is not a sufficient network of corrals yet.

- DOT proposed in the R&R to require providers to only deploy to a corral if there is one on a block
- c. DOT program updates
 - i. RFI for event sponsorship
DOT is working to contract more community groups for events and to sponsor community led events. This RFI is open until Friday, April 16.
- 3) Miscellaneous
 - a. Other community announcement?
None
- 4) Discussion
 - a. Regulation goals: safety, equity, program growth
Changes to the R&R all reflect intentional shifts to work on program goals.
 - b. Proposed Rules and Regulations 2021 – view online, with option for written or spoken comment.

Rules & Regulations Review:

- Robert Gardner – is 60 days for compliance the same as the last time? Due to supply chain interruptions ordering parts often takes more than 60 days these days. There was a 90-day backlog on ordering stickers
- Robert – Confirmed that 75 lb weight applies to both bikes and scooters
- Robert – What research exists on 8” vs 9” tires?
 - DOT working with groups looking at vehicle standards including NACTO and ASTM International. Studies have shown relationship between safety and diameter. This is pushing it in the right direction. We take this seriously due to the potholes found on our bike facilities audit and vehicle inspections.
- Cheyanne Woodyard – Are operators made aware of the 3rd party MOUs in the event there are duplicative research requests with both the operator and City?
 - Yes, and all permit holders are notified.
- Brett Thorne – what are best ways to submit public comment?
 - Google doc comment
 - Dot_publiccomments@baltimorecity.gov
 - E-mail Meg